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Re: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service;
MM Docket No. 99-25; RM-9208; RM-9242

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of United States Member of Congress Benjamin A. Gilman, are five copies of his letter submitted in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the above-referenced proceeding. We understand that the original letter has been delivered to the Commission's Chairman.

In the event that there are questions concerning this matter, please communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,



Charles R. Naftalin

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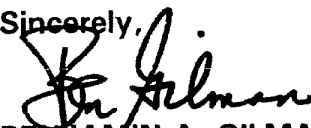
Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing in regard to the FCC's exploration of low power FM radio (LPFM). Because certain counties within my Congressional District are currently without commercial FM allocations, I urge that one of the Commission's first priorities be to study the effects of low power commercial FM service in the counties that are currently without this service.

Because many stations lack the FCC approved ability to transmit using low power, translators ability to upgrade their power to LPFM power levels by using directional antennas, if necessary, must be examined. Despite the fact that second or third channel stations may be near by, it is possible that those translators already in operation would not cause interference problems. This makes them excellent possible candidates for locally originated commercial programming. If determined safe, these low power transmitters should operate under the same basic rules and guidelines as full power FM stations.

I thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and I urge your serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Member of Congress

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